

## **Weekly Status & Information Report: July 23-27 2012**

### **1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of July 30, 2012:**

-City Council meeting, Monday, July 30, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium (closed session vote at 6 p.m.)  
-All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

**2. Make Art-Not Landfill / Re-Cycle Your Art Out!:** SUNDAY -Join us at the Gazebo in Old Town between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 29 to celebrate Takoma Park's green and creative community. Chat with Mayor Bruce Williams, Recycling Artist-in-Residence Renee Lachman and Public Works Director Daryl Braithwaite. Featuring music by "Cooking with Gas", hands-on art with local recycling artists and Takoma Park's very own TRASHY ART CONTEST! <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events> (Housing and Community Development)

**3. "Trashy Art" Contest:** SUNDAY-Anyone and everyone is eligible - encouraged, in fact - to submit an original work of "trashy art" made of 100% trash or re-purposed materials. To participate, drop off your "trashy art" at the Gazebo in Old Takoma between 10 a.m. and noon on Sunday, July 29. A panel of distinguished judges will announce awards - and give out some fantastic prizes - at 12:30 p.m. Now is the time to go through your recycling bin and start creating. This is your opportunity to make a unique artistic and environmentally sustainable statement! <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events> (Housing and Community Development)

**4. Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Discussed at Council:** During the July 23 Council Meeting, HCD Planning staff gave a presentation on the status of the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project and gave a recommendation on a concept alternative to pursue. Large format plans of the concept alternatives were also on display for residents to review during the ward night reception before the Council Meeting. Council advised staff to consider a hybrid of two concept alternatives, which will require additional traffic analysis and coordination with the State Highway Administration. A resolution advancing a concept to final design and engineering is on the September 10 Council Meeting agenda. (Housing and Community Development)

**5. Middle School Division Playoffs (Y.E.S. League):** Basketball in Takoma Park is alive! Next week, on Tuesday evening, the top teams from the Middle School Division will be competing in the Y.E.S. League playoffs held in the Piney Branch Elementary School gym. A champion will be crowned on Tuesday, July 31 – don't miss the action! Games start at 6:00 PM. (Recreation)

**6. Morning/Afternoon Addition Program - Don't Wait Sign-up Today!:** With more than half of the available spots for the Morning & Afternoon Addition Program already gone the 2012-2013 school year is shaping up to be a great year. Register your child(ren) today so that they can join in on all the fun and excitement. Don't miss out, spaces are filling up fast! The Morning/Afternoon Addition Program is designed to provide before and after school recreational activities for children enrolled in Kindergarten through sixth grade, ages 5 through 12 years. Through structured activities and free choice of activities, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy, as well as time for doing homework. Activities will be arranged according to ages, interests, and geared toward varying skill levels. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Initial registration must be done in person at the Community Center from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. For additional information please contact Dana Jackson at (301)891-7281 or [DanaJ@takomagov.org](mailto:DanaJ@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

**7. Job Openings:** Currently there are several active recruitments underway. These openings have been posted on the City website. Additional job openings are expected over the next few weeks. Details of each position will be posted on the City's website with instructions on how to apply. [www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/jobs](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/jobs)

- HR Generalist
  - Account Clerk
  - Public Works Project Coordinator
  - Management Assistant
  - Mechanic
  - Right of Way Technician
- (Human Resources)

**8. 2011 Homeowner/Renter Tax Credit Applications Due 9/1/12:** The State of Maryland's tax credit programs are designed to help low income home owners and renters by limiting the amount you must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Eligibility is based on household income. To obtain further information about the programs and an application, you can call Linda Walker at 301.891.7222 or access it on the state's website, [www.dat.state.md.us/datweb/taxcredits.html](http://www.dat.state.md.us/datweb/taxcredits.html) (Housing and Community Development)

**9. Recycling Artist-in-Residence - Open Studio and Donations Update:** Take a moment this month to swing by the Public Works facility at 31 Oswego Avenue to visit with mixed media assemblage artist and Takoma Park's first ever recycling artist-in residence, Renee Lachman. Open studio hours are on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. As part of her residency, Renee will be using donated items to recreate some of Takoma Park's indigenous plants while also showing the essence of our community's environmental consciousness. Contribute to her work by donating your unwanted - but ever useful - household objects, electrical bits, old 45s, and more at one of three donation sites (Takoma Park Community Center, Recreation Center and the Public Works Facility). With your help, the result will be an artwork that truly reflects community involvement. Details available at <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events> (Housing and Community Development)

**10. Seniors Advisory Meeting:** The Silver Foxes Seniors Advisory Group quarterly meeting was held at noon in the Takoma Park Community Center Senior Room on Friday, July 27, 2012. Eight members of the advisory group discussed plans for the end of the summer through Fall 2012 events, including a Seniors Summer Picnic and National Night Out. (Recreation)

**11. Pilates Continues to Grow:** Come and join the fun of Pilates at Takoma Park Recreation Center under the instruction of Nancy Nickell. This challenging one hour workout session is a combination of precision body toning, stretching and core strengthening focusing on exercising the whole body to reach your goal of a leaner, stronger body. Class meets on Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. Register now and enjoy the workout. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (Recreation)

**12. Recreation Summer Camps:** Camp Takoma's Rock Stars have had such a talented week! Campers practiced for their talent show and made crafts such as microphones, colorful masks, guitars and mobile kazoos. Traveling all the way to Wolf Trap's Theatre in the Woods, participants were able to watch an amazing performance. This week ended with a fantastic talent show put together by the Camps Rock Stars! (Recreation)

**13. Science Camp:** The scientists had a fun-filled time this week. On a walk to Sligo Creek Park kids participated in a scavenger hunt. Though the items on the list were hidden really well, these science explorers used their keen eyes and observational skills to find every single thing on the list! Using regular household ingredients the science explorers made play dough and even SLIME! Participants learned how lava lamps work and were able to make one. They tested the ink of different pens and markers to see the reactions when dipped in water in a paper chromatography experiment. Using the acidic lemon juice and vinegar campers were able to clean pennies from dull to a shiny copper. Science Camp participants were able to learn a lot and have fun too! (Recreation)

**14. Teens on the Move 2012 Week 3:** Teens on the Move this week was Fun in the Sun! The teens were able to experience; Borher Waterpark, Bowling, Go-karting, Swimming, Batting Cages, Miniature Golf, Roller Skating and wrapped up the week with a trip to the Baltimore wax museum AND a Speedboat tour!!! It was absolutely AMAZING! Our Teens on the Move Fall Edition is coming to a brochure near you, stay tuned and get ready we are on the MOVE! For more information please contact Leicia Monfort (301) 891-7283. (Recreation)

**15. Camp Recess Continues to Get Out and Play!:** The 6th week of Camp Recess was an absolute success and an enjoyable experience for everyone. Highlights of the week include campers putting together a play called "Pet Care Kids." The campers also went swimming and had a wonderful time. The innovative arts and crafts projects continued as campers participated in a "Picture Framing" project. Stay tuned for more excitement and fun. (Recreation)

**POLICE:**

On July 24, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye attended a meeting at SHA district offices regarding changes in seatbelt and child safety seat laws/statistics on 2011 DUI/vehicle and pedestrian safety enforcement.

#### **CRIME REPORT:**

The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (July 7/20/2012-7/26/2012) may be viewed online at: [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/07/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_26.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/07/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_26.html)

#### **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:**

During July 20-27, 2012, the following details were completed:

##### July 20, 2012

-Philadelphia Avenue & Holly Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

-1100 University Boulevard (pedestrian crosswalk violations) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no State citations and two warnings.

##### July 22, 2012

-1100 University Boulevard (pedestrian crosswalk violations) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no State citations and one warning.

-1100 University Boulevard (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.

##### July 23, 2012

-Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

-Erskine Avenue & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations and three warnings.

-Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

-Various locations (tag reader) - conducted details throughout shift and issued eight state citations and no warnings.

##### July 24, 2012

-Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 120-minute detail and issued five State citations and no warnings.

-Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 120-minute detail and issued sixteen State citations and one warning.

-Various locations (tag reader) - conducted details throughout shift and issued 11 State citations and no warnings.

-Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no State citations or warnings.

-Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no State citations or warnings.

July 25, 2012

-New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn enforcement)- conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no State citations and one warning.

-1000 block of East West Highway (no left turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and no warnings.

-Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn enforcement) - conducted a 120-minute detail and issued one State citation and ten warnings.

-New Hampshire Avenue & Larch Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.

-Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued three State citations and two warnings.

-Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations and 2 warnings.

-Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and no warnings.

-Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no State citations or warnings.

-Prince Georges Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no State citations and one warning.

July 26, 2012

-Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and five warnings.

-Philadelphia Avenue & Takoma Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued six State citations and no warnings.

July 27, 2012

-Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State Citations and no warnings.

TRAFFIC OFFICER STATS (PFC. WALTER SMITH):

Stats for July 23-26, 2012

State Citations issued: 49

Warnings: 15

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 3

Calls for Service: 13

Reports Written: 3

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 2

Court: 2 hours